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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HAMADA et al.

Art Unit: 2855

Application No. 09/425,630

Examiner: C. Dickens

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For: FLOW RATE
MEASURING DEVICE

RENEWED REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

Further in response to the Advisory Action mailed May 7, 2002 and the Examiner interview held June 6, 2002, Applicants again request reconsideration.

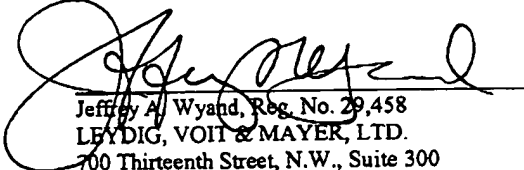
As discussed at the interview, none of the figures of the patent application that are designated as prior art, Figures 39-45, illustrate in cross-section a measuring duct having a first pair of generally smooth, converging inner wall surfaces including an inflection point. While many of those figures show a duct including generally smooth converging inner wall surfaces, the wall surfaces do not have, in cross-section, an inflection point. Therefore, Applicants respectfully maintain that the rejection for anticipation is incorrect and again ask for reconsideration.

At the Examiner interview, Applicants' representative made an error in stating that claim 1 is the only pending independent claim. In fact, claims 15 and 16 are also independent claims but those claims include the same limitation of claim 1 that was the subject of discussion in the Examiner interview.

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Reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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